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## GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES MENTORING PARTNERSHIP TO SPONSOR WORKSHOPS

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley today announced that the North Carolina Mentoring Partnership will sponsor four workshops in September and October for mentoring groups across the state. The workshops will be held to help community agencies, clubs and schools develop quality mentoring programs using best practices and national mentoring standards.

"North Carolinians who volunteer their time to serve as mentors play an important part in helping children across the state succeed in school and become active, productive citizens," said Easley. "These workshops will provide the training mentors need to give support and guidance to thousands of our state's youth."

Workshops will include a keynote speaker, a workshop on creating effective mentoring programs and interactive discussions. A workshop in Moore County will be held September 29 at the Moore County Armory. A Transylvania County workshop will be held October 10 at the St. Phillips Episcopal Church in Brevard. A workshop in Caldwell County will be held October 11 at the Broyhill Center in Lenoir. There is no registration fee for these three workshops. A Guilford County workshop will be held October 12 in Greensboro at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. There will be a \$35 registration fee for Communities in Schools members and a \$55 registration fee for non-Communities in Schools members at this workshop to cover materials required for this training. Individuals interested in attending the training must pre-register. For more information or to register, contact Laura Killion at Communities in Schools at 919-832-2700 or lkillion@cisnc.org

The N.C. Mentoring Partnership is the local affiliate of the National Mentoring Partnership and is a part of the N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service in the Governor's Office and Communities in Schools of North Carolina. The Partnership conducts trainings, manages a statewide public relations campaign to recruit mentors, strengthens mentoring partnerships and creates new mentoring efforts. To learn more about the mentoring programs in North Carolina, visit <a href="https://www.volunteernc.org">www.volunteernc.org</a> or call the N.C. Mentoring Partnership at 1-800-820-4483.

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